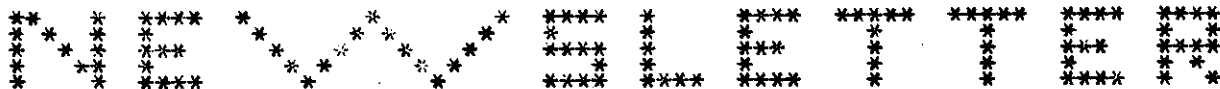


ERITH & DISTRICT SWIMMING CLUB



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SECRETARY'S NOTES

DISTANCE SWIMS (TUESDAYS 4, 11, 18 & 25th AUGUST)

Please enter your name on the list provided if you wish to attempt distances of $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$ or 1 mile, including timed swims for B.S.C.A. Awards.

DIVING GROUP

Except for absence due to holiday etc. Mr. Keith Affection will be taking this Group on Tuesdays from 9 - 9.30 p.m. until at least mid-September to enable you to improve your technique, especially if you wish to take part in the diving in our Annual Gala.

SPLASH NIGHTS

All family and friends are welcome to attend on Friday August 7th, 14th and 21st from 8 p.m. - 9.30 p.m. Admission will be 20p children and 30p adults, as normal.

On these evenings beginners and other groups will be as normal until 8 p.m. All other groups are cancelled.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MORNING SWIMS

These are aimed at our stronger swimmers and will be strict training sessions of 1 hour from 9 - 10 a.m. on all weekdays (except Royal Wedding Day when the pool will be closed) from Monday 27th July until Friday, 28th August. The cost will be the normal 20p per swim but will only be available to swimmers paying in advance for tickets. Mrs. Sartain will be issuing tickets commencing on Friday, 24th July at 8.45 p.m. and numbers will be restricted.

ANNUAL GALA

Please remember to complete your Gala Entry Form before going on holiday. We regret that swimmers who have joined the Club since 1st July will not be eligible for entry this year.

MATCH AT ERITH 13/6/1981

The very strong Addington team was our main worry in a very enjoyable evening, which after an extremely warm day led to the doors at the Station end of the Poolside being opened for the first time in memory.

A first place looked assured as with just a few events left we were thirty points clear but three consecutive stroke disqualifications against our swimmers in relay events, which score double points, meant that we had to be content with a "close" second place on an otherwise excellent evening.

Result:	1st	Addington	233	points
	2nd	Erith	223	"
	3rd	Ramsgate	187 $\frac{1}{2}$	"
	4th	Sevenoaks	175	"
	5th	Tonbridge	152	"
	6th	Coulsdon	52 $\frac{1}{2}$	"

MATCH AT STREATHAM 20/6/81

Our team were in top form for our first visit to this excellent pre-war pool next door to the skating rink. The four new faces in our squad gave

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STREATHAM MATCH (Continued)

excellent performances in a programme which suited us well and with no disqualifications against us made up for our disappointment the previous week. Well done All!

Result:	1st	Streatham	95	points
	2nd	Erith	103	"
	3rd	Battersea 'JACS'	117	"
	4th	BEC	179	"

MATCH AT CROWBOROUGH 11/7/1981

We paid a return visit to this small pool within a large modern school complex and met for the first time St. Andrews S.C. from Eastbourne who proved strong at all levels with a 'B' team provided by the Home Club. The main contingent of Beacon Swimmers were apparently at Brighton on the same day for a schools gala which also led to the withdrawal of Brighton S.C. from the match.

Short length pools do not suit our swimmers and a number clashed with the pool ends as at other recent events. The relay events proved much more to our liking, with St. Andrews invariably getting the touch which produced some exciting races, Beacon being placed third in all relay events.

Owing to our shortage of older male swimmers, both Mr. Peter Frost and Mr. Michael (Buck) Ryan swam for us at this match much to everyone's enjoyment.

We hope that Beacon will at last be able to pay a return visit to our pool next year after letting us down earlier this year.

Result:	1st	St. Andrews S.C.	151	Points
	2nd	E.D.S.C.	131	"
	3rd	Beacon S.C.	88	"

MATCH AT FAVERSHAM 18/7/1981

Despite a rather cool showery day we were lucky to have a calm warm evening for a return visit to this well-kept open pool.

The same teams as last year competed for the 'Dolphin Trophy' and, as expected, the strong 'Black Lion Club' from Gillingham took it home again. Our team were in top form, however, scoring 9 firsts and 8 seconds in the short 33 event programme, which included once again a diving interlude in which Paula White and Kevin Hurley coped well in an event on which Faversham obviously spend more time than we do. Our Girls under 12 squad won all their individual events plus an outstanding win of over 12 seconds! This being in the 4 x 1 Medley Team Event. Afterwards on the recommendation of the Hon. Sec. many of us made our way to the 'Crispin Fish Bar' at Teynham on the old A2 for an excellent supper to round off a pleasant evening.

Result:	1st	Black Lion	200	points
	2nd	Erith	173	"
	3rd	Sevenoaks	140	"
	4th	Faversham 'A'	139	"
	5th	Ramsgate	117	"
	6th	Faversham 'B'	42	"

GALA SEASON 1980/1981

The excellent result at Faversham rounded off our best Gala Season ever with a total of one overall first, one equal first place and seven second placings in the nine home and away matches (excluding the Tudor 'B' League) in which we have competed since September last year. The swimmer scoring the highest overall number of points in these matches will receive the Anderson Trophy Shield at our Gala on 26th September.

Our first match of the new Season is at Ladywell Baths on the 12th Sept, when all events in a long programme will be of 1 length sprints in all age groups.

A. Bedford

ERITH SHOW, 31st AUGUST, 1981

For the last two years we have organised a cake stall at the above event and its success has been entirely due to your generosity by providing cakes. We are again asking for your help. If you cannot make cakes but would like to donate any of the ingredients, this would also be helpful. We know it is holiday time but some empty freezers have been offered, so cakes could be frozen in advance.

We are also hoping to sell handicraft, so again anything in this line would be greatly appreciated.

J. Bragg

OUTING TO WESTBROOK ON 12th July, 1981

The prospect of our annual seaside pilgrimage to Westbrook (near Margate) being blessed with sunshine appeared good as our coach departed from Erith. Although the sun shone all the way there, by the time of our arrival one and a half hours later, it had become overcast and was to remain so for the rest of the day. This was not to dampen our spirits however as the unusual lack of sea breeze allowed the weather to remain warm. With the poor weather we have had this year everyone sensed that the calm sea would be even colder than usual. This proved to be the case, and although most of the swimmers present bravely took the plunge, most were soon out. Even hardened swimmers like Mr. Ryan did not stay in for much longer and many understably did not return for a second dip'. A football was produced and within minutes a warming game of handball cum rugby was under way and continued until the older participants finally ran out of puff!

Most resigned themselves to having an early lunch, for once, free of sand-ridden food. The original 58 swimmers, Mums and Dads, friends and a dog who had come by coach had been swelled by the arrival of others by private transport, including Mark DeHavilland and his friend who joined us after an epic four hour bicycle ride from Erith!

When the tide had receded, a game of Rounders commenced on the clean expanses of freshly exposed sand. Superhitter Vicki Gibb proved almost impossible to get out, whilst the Byers family showed great reluctance to be so. After a team photo had been taken (available soon), most of the party decided to venture into Margate, many making a visit to 'Dreamland'. Christine Ryan unfortunately came back with a black eye, received while trampolining, to go with the pair of 'shiners' picked up by her Dad earlier that week!

The absence of Margate Swimming Club for beach games did not detract from a very enjoyable day, and one which we look forward to again next year.

P. Frost

Forthcoming Events overleaf

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

JULY	Saturday 25th	Dartford Carnival Procession. Meet Dartford Central Park 12 - 12.15 p.m.
"	Monday 27th - Friday 28th AUGUST (excluding 29th July)	Monday to Friday daily training group at Riverside 9 - 10 a.m. Details Mrs. D. Sartain. cost 20p per swim (stronger swimmers only).
"	Friday 31st	Personal Survival Honours.
AUGUST	Saturday 1st	Open Top Bus Trip to Crown Point Inn leaves Riverside at 6.30 p.m.
"	(Tuesday 4th & (Tuesday 18th	$\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ mile Distance swims commencing 8.30 p.m.
"	(Tuesday 11th & (Tuesday 25th	1 mile (48 lengths) Distance swims commencing 8.30
"	(Fridays 7th, 14th (& 21st	Splash Nights from 8 - 9.30 p.m. Family and Friends welcome.
"	Monday 31st	ERITH SHOW & SPORTS with Club Stall
SEPTEMBER	Tuesday 1st	Outing to Ford Motor Co. Dagenham. (sorry fully booked)
"	Saturday 12th	Match at Ladywell Baths (Saxon Crown) all races of 1 length commencing 7 p.m.
"	Saturday 26th	E.D.S.C. ANNUAL GALA commencing 5.30 p.m.
"	Sunday 27th	Sponsored Walk in aid of I.Y. of Disabled
OCTOBER	Saturday 10th	Match at Hartsdown Pool, Margate (Coach from Riverside).
"	Saturday 17th	Skating Outing to Streatham.
"	Saturday 24th	Match at B.P., Hoo, Kent. commencing 7 p.m.
"	Wednesday 28th	Family Ramble in the Dorking area.
NOVEMBER	Friday 6th	Mini Bazaar in the Club Room from 7 p.m.
"	Saturday 14th	Tudor Trophy Match at Eltham Baths.
"	Saturday 21st	DISCO
"	Saturday 28th	'A' Match, Riverside Baths
DECEMBER	Friday 4th	Mini Bazaar in the Club Room from 7 p.m.
"	Saturday 12th	Tudor Trophy Match, Eltham

The Autumn/Winter Sprint Trophy dates to be announced.